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February 4, 2015

To: Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

Several years ago, the State Building Codes Division approached local government and contractors with a plan to implement a system of electronic building permit services. The permitting system is used by many cities and counties across Oregon. As users and supporters of this unique state and local government partnership, we strongly encourage the legislature to continue this program.

With this program The City of Wilsonville is able to provide for electronic tracking and accounting of our building inspection programs and provide services on-line to our customers. We all benefit from the use of this system but the most beneficial aspect of the program is the time savings to the contractors and customers who use the system.

We strongly want the program to continue and save time and valuable resources by a tried and true vendor through the state's program. This is an example of a program that works and we want to continue this effort.

Thank you for your consideration.


Martin Brown
Wilsonville Building Official



February 5, 2015

To: Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

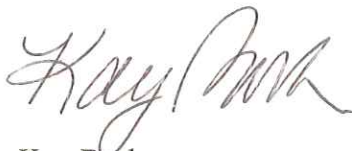
Implementing the State's electronic building permit services at the City of Veneta was a high priority after discussions with other jurisdictions that adopted the system several years ago.

In 2014 the City of Veneta implemented the epermitting system and it has increased efficiencies in our permitting process in house, as well as making it more convenient for contractors to submit and pay for permits. With this program we are able to provide for electronic tracking and accounting of our building inspection program and provide services on-line to our customers, essentially providing services 24/7 without the need for additional staff.

We all benefit from the use of a reliable vendor through the state's program. The state system frees up City IT resources by providing technical support, training, system upgrades and enhancements, and data storage. This is an example of a program that works and we want to continue this effort.

The permitting system is used by many cities and counties across Oregon. As a user and supporter of this unique state and local government partnership, the City strongly encourages the legislature to continue this program.

Sincerely,



Kay Bork
Community Development Director
City of Veneta



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Date: 2-5-2015

To: Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

From: Mark Brien, Tillamook County Building Official

I would like to take the opportunity to express our support for the e-Permitting Program. Several years ago, the State Building Codes Division approached Tillamook County and its contractors with a plan to implement a system of electronic building permit services. Tillamook County has been using the system for several months now and the database has been a huge improvement in maintaining our records and has and will continue to increase our efficiency. I have also observed a number of other local cities and counties across Oregon that use this system that favor the program. We would like to encourage the legislature to continue this program.

I should also note that our County greatly appreciates e-Permitting's ability to provide for electronic tracking and accounting of our building inspection programs as well as provides an online service to our customers. This is a beneficial database through the state's program and it has also began to allow for our IT to utilize their expertise on other needs within our county. This program works and we would like to continue this effort.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Date: February, 4th 2015

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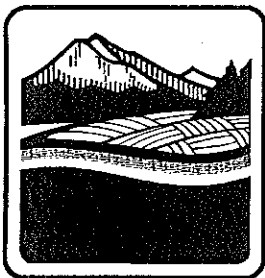
Several years ago, the State Building Codes Division approached local government and contractors with a plan to implement a system of electronic building permit services. The permitting system is now in use by many cities and counties across Oregon that would not otherwise be able to afford an electronic permit system. As a user of this unique state and local government partnership, we strongly encourage the legislature to continue this program.

This program allows city and county governments to provide for electronic tracking and accounting of our building inspection programs and provide services on-line to our customers. The benefits of this program are twofold. The first is for the contractors; it gives them a centralized location for permitting for all participating jurisdictions, allowing them to apply for permits, pay and print approved plans, and request inspections, all without leaving their offices. The second benefit is to the jurisdiction; as a state maintained system, the local jurisdiction can spend its scarce IT resources on other needs. This is an example of a program that works and we want to continue this effort.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Samantha Vandagriff
Building Official
City of Milwaukie



Marion County OREGON

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BUILDING
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RE: Senate Bill 133

ENGINEERING

Dear Senator Beyer:

ENVIRONMENTAL
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Several years ago, the State Building Codes Division approached local government and construction contractors with a plan to implement an electronic building permit system. The permitting system is now used by many cities and counties across Oregon. As users and supporters of this unique state and local government partnership, we strongly encourage your support of SB 133, which would allow this system to continue.

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With this system, county governments are able to electronically track and account for our building inspection programs and provide on-line services to our customers. We benefit from the use of a tried and true vendor through the state's system and the ability to spend our scarce IT resources on other needs within the county. In Marion County we have experienced significant cost savings with the new permitting system and are ensured cost savings in the future through the system's dedication to ongoing maintenance and customer support.

This is an example of a system that works and the passage of SB 133 is critical to continue this effort.

I urge your support of SB 133 and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Warren Jackson
Building Official



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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February 6, 2015

To: Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

Recently Lincoln County has joined the State's Epermitting system. Like many other cities and counties across the State we are able to provide for electronic tracking and accounting of our building inspection program. We feel that this program benefits our customers and improves the efficiency of our office. As users and supporters of this unique program, we strongly encourage the legislature to continue this program.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Al Eames, Building Official
Lincoln County

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Lane County

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION

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Date: February 6, 2015
To: Senate Committee on Business and Transportation
From: Matt Laird, Lane County Land Management Division Manager
Re: SB 133

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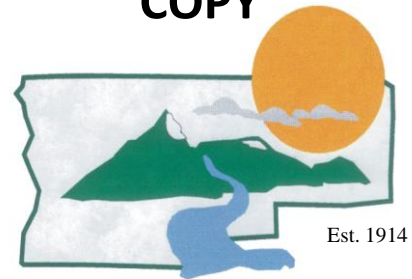
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Thank you for your consideration.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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Jefferson County was the first Oregon County to initiate this program and had it not become available we would have had a considerable investment to purchase a comparable program. The initial cost and maintenance of a comparable program would have been devastating to our small jurisdiction. The program has been all that we had expected and we have received good comments from the local contractors on ease of use and permit application process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Chet Singleton, CBO
Community Development Director
Building Official



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February 9, 2015

To: Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

Several years ago, the State Building Codes Division approached local government and contractors with a plan to implement a system of electronic building permit services. The permitting system is used by many cities and counties across Oregon. As users and supporters of this unique state and local government partnership, we strongly encourage the legislature to continue this program.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Mark Van Voast



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February 5, 2015

Chair Lee Beyer
Senate Committee on Business and Transportation
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In Support of Senate Bill 133

Dear Chair Beyer,

Prior to 2011, Harney County and Malheur County used the same inspection organization to meet our local building inspection needs. In 2011, our service provider discontinued service to Harney County. We then worked with neighboring counties to continue our local program, however we found that travel cost and service delivery timeliness did not meet our needs or our customers' needs.

In 2013, SB 582 passed which created a new opportunity to work with the state to share resources and carry out our local program through a partnership agreement. We are now "growing" our own workforce to provide inspection services, creating local jobs and are able to be much more responsive to our construction industry. We also implemented the states ePermitting program. Harney County and Malheur County now have the ability to provide our customers with on-line services. SB 133 continues this vital program for both government and business. Electronic transactions are an important tool for all governments and businesses, but especially vital in rural Oregon to reduce travel time and cost. Our contractors are able to quickly start projects even on weekends and after hours saving them time and effort.

I strongly encourage you to find a way to pass this bill and help my county and many other counties provide these services to our citizens. Without tools such as SB 582 and the ePermitting program a significant portion of the state may find it difficult to provide efficient and timely service to our communities.

Respectfully,

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Steven E. Grasty
Judge, Harney County Court

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February 9, 2015

To: Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

For over five years, the City of Dallas and the State Building Codes Division have worked together to implement a system of electronic building permit services. As a participant during the development of the "e-permitting system" I was able to assure the end product would meet our needs and the needs of our customers. I am pleased to report that as of January 1, 2015, we are using the system for every building permit we issue.

The system is a powerful asset that without the State Building Codes Division support it is unlikely the City of Dallas would be able to afford a similar system. With this program the City of Dallas is able to provide electronic tracking and on-line services to our customers. Maintaining this program and implementing upgrades and further improvements ensures that building departments of modest size and resources can offer on-line services in a uniform approved manner. This is a program that works, and I hope you will continue this effort.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Building Official
City of Dallas


Crook County Community Development

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To: Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

From: Aaron Yuma, Building Official 

Date: February 3, 2015

Subject: E-Permitting/SB 133

E-permitting is an electronic building permit service program the State Building Codes Division has successfully implemented and partnered with local governments, such as ours, over the past several years. The e-permitting system has helped the efficiency of our department and helped to reduce our budgetary expenses since Crook County implemented the program here in July 2014. Ultimately this helps our customers, the construction trades, and our local economic development. Crook County and many other cities and counties across Oregon are utilizing it and are reliant on its continued viability and support. As users and supporters of this unique state and local government partnership, we strongly encourage the legislature to continue this program.

With this program county governments are able to provide for electronic tracking and accounting of our building inspection programs and provide services on-line to our customers. We all benefit from the use of a tried and true vendor through the state's program and spend our scarce IT resources on other needs within the county. This is an example of a program that works and we want to continue this effort.

If this bill fails, and the program isn't funded, local building departments will be forced to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to come up with a new permitting software, and then spend thousands more to convert the data from e-permitting to a the new one. Furthermore, our local builders and tradesmen appreciate the e-permitting program for the ability it gives them to apply and obtain permits across jurisdictional lines from a single website.

Thank you for your consideration and we urge you to continue the support of the E-permitting program by passing Senate Bill 133.



February 4, 2015

Senator Lee Beyer, Chairman
Senate Committee on Business and Transportation
Salem, Oregon

Re: Senate Bill 133

Dear Sir:

The City of Cottage Grove was one of the first communities to sign on with the State Building Codes Division to implement the electronic building permit program. It is used by local governments and contractors alike. We have found that the statewide website based program that can be used by contractors working in various jurisdictions a valuable tool in delivery of building programs. We have found the program to be stable and uniform which reduces costs for jurisdictions as well as home owners and builders. The City does not have to spend funds on security of an in house system nor do we spend local funds on the maintenance of a system.

With this program city and county governments are able to provide for electronic tracking and accounting of our building inspection programs and provide services on-line to our customers. We all benefit from the use of a tried and true vendor through the state's program and spend our scarce IT resources on other needs within the City. This is an example of a program that works and we want to continue this effort.

The City of Cottage Grove as a user and supporter of this unique state and local government partnership, strongly encourages the legislature to continue this program. If I can provide any further information please contact this office. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Howard P. Schesser, CFM
Community Development Director &
Emergency Program Manager

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February 6, 2015

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND TRANSPORTATION

Senators;

Last year in an attempt to be more efficient Baker City began participating in an e-permitting program through the State Building Code Division. We recognized that with only one inspector and over 3,000 square miles to cover we needed to find every efficiency possible.

We invested several thousand dollars in training and equipment and have been using the system since last summer. Our building inspector is now able to make inspection comments remotely and have those comments available to the contractor via the internet.

We have a number of customers that get building permits without every coming to the office. This is actually a program that seems to be working.

We have severed the relationship with our previous software provider and if this program goes away it will literally cost us thousands of dollars to find new software that will manage our building inspection records.

Our building code program serves a very important mission to the people of Baker County, anything that we can do to make our services more accessible to our customers we should try and do. The continuation of the e-permitting program will be very beneficial to our customers and our employees.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully

Mike Kee
Baker City Manager



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February 4, 2015

To: Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

Several years ago via Senate Bill 133, the State Building Codes Division approached local government and contractors with a plan to implement a system of electronic building permit services. The permitting system is used by many cities and counties across Oregon. As users and supporters of this unique state and local government partnership, we strongly encourage the legislature to continue this program.

The City of Astoria is currently in the process of implementing this valuable tool to provide increased efficiency and better customer service for our community. The local home builders have expressed overwhelming support and approval of the implementation of the e-permitting program.

With this program, jurisdictions are able to provide for electronic tracking and accounting of our building inspection programs and provide services on-line to our customers. We all benefit from the use of a tried and true vendor through the State's program and spend our scarce IT resources on other needs within the City. This is an example of a program that works and we want to continue this effort.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

THE CITY OF ASTORIA

Arline LaMear
Mayor